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Library 'turns new leaf;' conforms to building code

With the re-opening of the Camas Public Library following a week of last-stage renovations, the facility has been declared in good repair and in conformance with modern building codes, according to Lew Carlson, chairman of the library board.

"The original idea to remodel the old city hall for library use (eight years ago) has now been realized," Carlson said. "The remodeling confirmed that the old city hall is a very

sound structure."

He noted that the library facility now open to the public is now all on the ground floor. The children will no longer need to use steps to get to their library, removing the fire hazard potential of the former one-entrance, second story room.

"The remodeling has resulted in a 70 per cent increase in the library area open to the public," Carlson said. "And storage and staff work areas have

approximately doubled.

There is also an enlarged room on the upper floor that can be used by the public."

The board chairman added that a significant part of the remodeling cost was not for library expansion, but was for building maintenance and repair, outside improvements and to bring the building into conformation with modern codes.

Included in nonlibrary items, he explained, were such things as separation of storm and sanitary sewer

lines, new sidewalks, gutter and parapet repair, chimney repair, brick pointing and waterproofing, furnace repairs and second story fire

escape.

The total cost, he said, would come to about \$215,000. In 1973, it was estimated that a new library

building with 12,500 square feet — slightly more than included in the remodel — would cost about \$600,000 without the land.

The Fat and Jolly One to answer calls

Area children may again talk to Santa Claus by phone.

The fourth annual Santa phones project is being provided in cooperation with

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Volunteer Service Program and Pacific Northwest Bell.

Children wishing to tell

their Christmas requests Santa may call 696-4461 between 1 and 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, through Tuesday, Dec. 23.